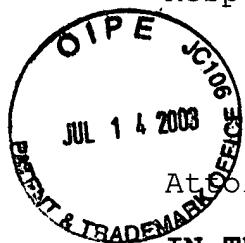


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Application No. 09/909,980
Response to Office Action



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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of
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and 10-12 are amended, claims 5 and 13-19 are canceled, and
claims 3, 4, 6, 9 and 20 are maintained.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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